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**COMMITTEE FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE  
AGREEMENTS**

**Announcement of Import Restraint  
Limits and Guaranteed Access Levels  
for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made  
Fiber and Other Vegetable Fiber  
Textiles and Textile Products  
Produced or Manufactured in Jamaica**

November 3, 1998.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements  
(CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the  
Commissioner of Customs establishing  
limits and guaranteed access levels.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Naomi Freeman, International Trade  
Specialist, Office of Textiles and  
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
(202) 482-4212. For information on the  
quota status of these limits, refer to the  
Quota Status Reports posted on the  
bulletin boards of each Customs port,  
call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S.  
Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustras.gov>. For  
information on embargoes and quota re-  
openings, call (202) 482-3715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agricultural  
Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854);  
Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as  
amended.

The import restraint limits and  
Guaranteed Access Levels (GALs) for  
textile products, produced or  
manufactured in Jamaica and exported  
during the period January 1, 1999  
through December 31, 1999 are based on  
limits notified to the Textiles  
Monitoring Body pursuant to the  
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles  
and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the  
Chairman of CITA directs the  
Commissioner of Customs to establish  
limits and guaranteed access levels for  
the period January 1, 1999 through  
December 31, 1999.

A description of the textile and  
apparel categories in terms of HTS

numbers is available in the  
CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel  
Categories with the Harmonized Tariff  
Schedule of the United States (see  
**Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057,  
published on December 17, 1997).  
Information regarding the 1999  
CORRELATION will be published in the  
**Federal Register** at a later date.

Requirements for participation in the  
Special Access Program are available in  
**Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474,  
published on April 3, 1998.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile  
Agreements**

November 3, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC  
20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section  
204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as  
amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order  
11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the  
Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and  
Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit,  
effective on January 1, 1999, entry into the  
United States for consumption and  
withdrawal from warehouse for consumption  
of cotton, wool, man-made fiber and other  
vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in  
the following categories, produced or  
manufactured in Jamaica and exported  
during the twelve-month period beginning on  
January 1, 1999 and extending through  
December 31, 1999, in excess of the following  
levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
331/631 .....	745,113 dozen pairs.
338/339/638/ 639 .....	1,469,168 dozen.
340/640 .....	687,021 dozen of which not more than 581,326 dozen shall be in shirts made from fabrics with two or more colors in the warp and/or the filling in Cat- egories 340-Y/640-Y <sup>1</sup> .
341/641 .....	862,688 dozen.
345/845 .....	212,872 dozen.
347/348/647/ 648 .....	1,585,783 dozen.
352/652 .....	2,369,458 dozen.
445/446 .....	53,978 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> Category 340-Y: only HTS numbers  
6205.20.2015, 6205.20.2020, 6205.20.2046,  
6205.20.2050 and 6205.20.2060; Category  
640-Y: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010,  
6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2050 and  
6205.30.2060.

The limits set forth above are subject to  
adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the

ATC and administrative arrangements  
notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body.

Products in the above categories exported  
during 1998 shall be charged to the  
applicable category limits for that year (see  
directive dated November 24, 1997) to the  
extent of any unfilled balances. In the event  
the limits established for that period have  
been exhausted by previous entries, such  
products shall be charged to the limits set  
forth in this directive.

Also pursuant to the ATC; and under the  
terms of the Special Access Program, as set  
forth in 63 FR 16474 (April 3, 1998), you are  
directed to establish guaranteed access levels  
for properly certified cotton, wool, man-made  
fiber and other vegetable fiber textile  
products in the following categories which  
are assembled in Jamaica from fabric formed  
and cut in the United States and re-exported  
to the United States from Jamaica during the  
twelve-month period which begins on  
January 1, 1999 and extends through  
December 31, 1999:

Category	Guaranteed Access Level
331/631 .....	1,320,000 dozen pairs.
336/636 .....	125,000 dozen.
338/339/638/ 639 .....	1,500,000 dozen.
340/640 .....	300,000 dozen.
341/641 .....	375,000 dozen.
342/642 .....	200,000 dozen.
345/845 .....	50,000 dozen.
347/348/647/ 648 .....	2,000,000 dozen.
352/652 .....	10,500,000 dozen.
447 .....	30,000 dozen.

Any shipment for entry under the Special  
Access Program which is not accompanied  
by a valid and correct certification in  
accordance with the provisions of the  
certification requirements established in the  
directive of February 19, 1987 shall be  
denied entry unless the Government of  
Jamaica authorizes the entry and any charges  
to the appropriate specific limits. Any  
shipment which is declared for entry under  
the Special Access Program but found not to  
qualify shall be denied entry into the United  
States.

In carrying out the above directions, the  
Commissioner of Customs should construe  
entry into the United States for consumption  
to include entry for consumption into the  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of  
Textile Agreements has determined that  
these actions fall within the foreign affairs  
exception of the rulemaking provisions of  
U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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